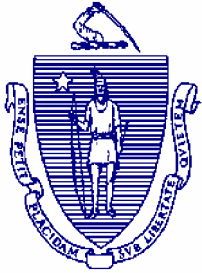


# Executive Office of Public Safety Newsletter, July 2005



The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

## Spotlight

The Bureau of Justice Assistance released *Drug Courts: An Effective Strategy for Communities Facing Methamphetamine* in May, 2005. This bulletin describes the history, mission, and success of drug courts. The bulletin includes an overview of the debilitating effects of methamphetamine, the program components of a drug court, examples of successful drug court programs in areas deeply affected by methamphetamine use, and policy recommendations for implementing a drug court that will target a methamphetamine-using population.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/pdf/MethDrugCourts.pdf>

## EOPS Funding Opportunities

### 2005 Homeland Security Local Preparedness Grant Program

#### **Application Deadline: August 1, 2005**

"The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) is making available homeland security funding to all local governments within the Commonwealth through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Fiscal Year 2005 Homeland Security Grant Program. Through this program, EOPS is providing local communities with funding through the Homeland Security Local Preparedness Grant (LPG) Program. These grant funds are provided to support the mission of the first responder at the operational level. The FFY05 LPG program is provided to enhance the Commonwealth's ability to prevent, respond to, and mitigate potential acts of terrorism or other catastrophic events."

For more information: [www.mass.gov/eopsfunding](http://www.mass.gov/eopsfunding),  
click on Homeland Security

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### **Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)**

#### **Application Deadline: August 17, 2005**

“The Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) is making up to \$5 million of funding available under the federal Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, subject to the final award to Massachusetts through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance. The purpose of this program is to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system. Three (3) Byrne JAG funding opportunities are available from EOPS in mid-July. They are:

1. General Byrne JAG – priority funding areas include: prisoner reentry; drugs and drug-related crime; gangs and gang-related crime; technology; and research, evaluation, and information dissemination.
2. Multijurisdictional Task Forces – integrates a combination of Federal, State and/or local law enforcement agencies for the purpose of enhancing interagency coordination, intelligence and facilitating multijurisdictional investigations focusing on drug interdiction and/or gang activities.
3. Youth Courts – youth are sentenced by their peers for minor delinquent and status offenses or problem behavior.”

For more information: [www.mass.gov/eopsfunding](http://www.mass.gov/eopsfunding), click on Law Enforcement

### **Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) Federal Fiscal Year 2005 Formula Grant**

#### **Application Deadline: August 12, 2005**

“Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety is making funding available in Federal Fiscal Year 2005 under the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) Formula Grant Program, subject to the final award to Massachusetts through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The purpose of this program is to improve the lives of juveniles in the Commonwealth by preventing their involvement with the juvenile justice system and by improving the operation and services provided by the juvenile justice system. The FFY 2005 priority funding areas for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts JJDP Formula Grant Program include: aftercare/reentry, alternatives to detention, delinquency prevention, disproportionate minority contact, diversion, gender-specific services, mental health services, school programs and substance abuse.”

For more information: [www.mass.gov/eopsfunding](http://www.mass.gov/eopsfunding), click on Justice and Education

For tips on grant writing and budgeting for public safety grants visit:

[http://www.mass.gov/Eeops/docs/programs/fjj/2005\\_grant\\_writing\\_workshop.ppt#1](http://www.mass.gov/Eeops/docs/programs/fjj/2005_grant_writing_workshop.ppt#1)

## Other Funding Opportunities

### **Developing and Enhancing Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification Programs: FY 2006 Competitive Grant Announcement**

**Application Deadline: August 25, 2005**

“Statewide Automated Victim Information Notification (SAVIN) helps protect crime victims from further victimization and ensures that victims’ legal rights are being honored. SAVIN programs also improve criminal justice decisions by ensuring that victims are given the timely and accurate information they need to fully participate in the judicial process (arrest, incarceration, prosecution, conviction, and/or placement in community supervision). These grants are provided to implement a new SAVIN program (agencies may request grants up to \$1.25 million) or enhance an existing SAVIN program (states may request grants up to \$250,000).”

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fundopps.htm>

### **Helping Outreach Programs to Expand Grant Program**

**Application Deadline: Open**

“The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) will provide up to \$5,000 in funding to grassroots community- and faith-based victim service organizations and coalitions to improve outreach and services to crime victims, through support of program development, networking, coalition building, and service delivery. Funds may be used to develop program literature, train advocates, produce a newsletter, support victim outreach efforts, and recruit volunteers.”

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/expandingoutreach/welcome.html>

## Research and Publications

### **Massachusetts Juvenile Justice Data and Information Book**

Elizabeth R. Spinney

EOPS has recently published the Massachusetts Juvenile Justice Data and Information book. Published in December 2004, this 200-page publication is a first attempt by the Executive Office of Public Safety at bringing together juvenile justice information from a variety of sources across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts into a single, comprehensive reference document. EOPS intends the document to be used as a resource to examine juvenile justice trends in Massachusetts, learn more about the Massachusetts juvenile justice system, and help develop strategies to prevent or combat juvenile crime. The book presents data and information not only about specific juvenile justice issues, but also about the general health, well-being, safety and economic situation of our youth in order to give a broader picture of being a juvenile in Massachusetts today. The book also includes an appendix with data for each city and town in Massachusetts.

Access full text at: <http://www.mass.gov/Eeops/docs/programs/fjj/MAJJDataInfoDec04.doc>

### **Stress Among Probation and Parole Officers and What Can Be Done About It, June 2005**

Peter Finn and Sarah Kuck

Probation and parole officers undergo a large amount of job-related stress. NIJ recently investigated the nature and scope of the problem at nine sites around the country. Researchers identified the major sources of stress (such as heavy caseloads, paperwork, deadlines) and how officers cope. This report presents a summary of key findings as well as case studies of promising stress reduction programs.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/205620.pdf>

## **Traffic Stop Data Collection Policies for State Police, 2004**

Matthew J. Hickman

This June, 2005 Bureau of Justice Statistics release presents findings from the 2004 Survey of State Police Agencies. Data was obtained from state police agencies on their policies and procedures for collecting race and ethnicity data from motorists involved in traffic stops. Circumstances under which demographic data are collected for traffic-related contacts and violations are also included in this report.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/tsdcp04.pdf>

## **A National Update: Communities Embracing Youth Courts for At-Risk Youth, Washington, DC: American Youth Policy Forum, 2005**

Sarah S. Pearson and Sonia Jurich

A nationwide review of youth court programs was conducted between November 2004 and January 2005 by the American Youth Policy Forum (AYPF). The goal of these youth court programs is to intervene in early antisocial, delinquent, and criminal behaviors to reduce incidents and prevent the escalation of such behaviors. Participants included 365 youth court coordinators from across the United States. This report summarizes key findings and recommendations.

Access full text at: <http://www.aypf.org/pdf/Youth%20Court%20-%20A%20Community%20Solution.pdf>

## **American Indian Suicides in Jail: Can Risk Screening Be Culturally Sensitive? June 2005**

Margaret Severson and Christine Wilson Duclos

This recent NIJ study asks the question, "Do jail inmates' cultural backgrounds affect how they react to authorities' attempts to assess their risk for suicide?" Results showed that the wording of screening questions and the impersonal setting and manner of the interview inhibited American Indian detainees from self-disclosing information about use of drugs and alcohol and about other suicide risk factors. Suggestions for improving the effectiveness of screening tools include tailoring suicide risk assessment protocols to the cultural backgrounds of detainee populations.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/207326.pdf>

## **Conferences and Trainings**

### **NIJ Annual Conference on Criminal Justice Research and Evaluation: Evidence-Based Policies and Practices**

**July 18-20, 2005 in Washington, DC**

NIJ is hosting the Annual Research and Evaluation Conference which is designed to help connect policymakers and practitioners to the latest research findings in the criminal justice profession. For many years, nationally and internationally recognized leaders in criminal justice research, policy, and practice have attended this conference to share ideas, solve problems, and discuss current issues.

For further information: <http://www.nijpcs.org/RE/RE2005/about.htm>

## **APPA's (American Probation and Parole Association) 30th Annual Training Institute July 24-27, 2005 in New York, NY**

The American Probation and Parole Association is hosting one of the leading conferences for community corrections. According to the APPA, this conference is designed to stimulate the discussion of new ideas, identify innovative research and best practices and encourage communication between participants from diverse jurisdictions and backgrounds. Over 70 workshops will be available to address the following topics: offender programs, staff safety, international issues, management and supervision, juvenile justice, victims and restorative justice, specialized units, collaborative efforts, staff training and career development, technological innovations and federal initiatives.

For further information: <http://eventcalendar.ncjrs.org/ConfDetailsPub.asp?strConfID=7206>

## **The 2005 National Youth Summit --Youth in Action: Making a Difference July 28-30, 2005 in Washington, D.C**

The National Clearinghouse on Families and Youth is sponsoring the 2005 National Youth Summit. Participants will learn various ways youth can make a difference through public policy, the economy, community service, and creativity. Youth and adults participants will work together to explore how to build and maintain partnerships that strengthen communities. Attendants will participate in interactive workshops, skill-building sessions and attend various guest speakers and networking events.

For further information: [http://conferences.jbs.biz/ncfy\\_dc/](http://conferences.jbs.biz/ncfy_dc/)

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